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Members, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do now sign LB 1024 and LB 1024A. Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, do you have any items for the record?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Next agenda item, motions to override gubernatorial vetoes. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first...excuse me, the first motion filed to be considered is one by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers would move that LB 817 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, governors traditionally veto bills that provide a salary increase for constitutional officers. What the Legislature has done in the past is to override. Last time we had a bill such as this that Senator Schimek and I collaborated on, there were some votes lacking when we came to the override because the amount had changed from when the bill was in committee to the time it got on the floor. This bill is in the form that the committee put it in, so I'm asking that you will vote to override. Keep in mind, as I always do when I offer these bills, or cosponsor them, the individual officeholder is not who we have in mind when we do this. We're trying to annex to the office an amount in keeping with the responsibilities of the office. We looked at salaries throughout the country, and based on that we feel that these amounts are very reasonable. And if we vote this in it will give these offices a raise; if we don't, it will wind up being a total of eight years since. So I'm asking that you vote to override this veto or, to put it in the formal language, that LB 817 be made law notwithstanding the action of the Governor. Thank you, Mr. President.